

# Seventeen Delaware Artists Receive Fellowship Grants in 2014

The Delaware Division of the Arts has announced the Fiscal Year 2014 winners of its Individual Artist Fellowship (IAF) grants. Seventeen individual Delaware artists are being recognized for the high quality of their artwork in the visual arts, literature, music, choreography, and folk arts. Artists were selected from towns throughout the state including Seaford, Bridgeville, Lewes, Milford, Dover, New Castle, Newark, and Wilmington. Their work ranged from painting and sculpture to poetry and choreography.

The work of 115 applicants was judged by arts professionals from around the country. Through the IAF grants, the artists' achievements are affirmed, helping provide the recognition and exposure that artists need to successfully promote their work. The artists receive a financial award—\$3,000 for the Emerging category, \$6,000 for the Established category, and \$10,000 for the Masters level—allowing them to pursue advanced training, purchase equipment and materials, or fulfill other needs that allow them to advance their careers. The public will have an opportunity to see the varied artwork by these artists as they are required to have a public exhibit or performance showcasing their work in the upcoming year.

This year, the arts discipline category for the Masters Fellowship was Visual Arts. The discipline category rotates every three years, and only artists that have previously won in the Established category are eligible to apply. In addition to the high artistic quality of their work, artists must demonstrate their involvement and commitment to the arts in Delaware. This year's winner of the Masters Fellowship is Carson Zullinger of Wilmington in Photography. He is being

honored for the outstanding quality of his work, his dedication to the arts and arts organizations in Delaware, and his contributions both locally and nationally in the field of photography.

Listed below are the Delaware Division of the Arts 2014 Individual Artist Fellows. Contact information for the artists may be obtained by calling Kristin Pleasanton, the Division's Deputy Director, at (302) 577-8284 in Wilmington or (302) 736-7436 in Dover.

## 2014 INDIVIDUAL ARTIST FELLOWS

<b>Masters (\$10,000 award)</b>		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Artistic Discipline</i>
Carson Zullinger	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Photography
<b>Established Professional (\$6,000 award)</b>		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Artistic Discipline</i>
Viet Dinh	Wilmington	Literature: Creative Nonfiction
Nancy Josephson	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Crafts
Torrey Kist	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Painting
Mary-Margaret Pauer	Bridgeville	Literature: Fiction
Barbara Proud	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Photography
Gabriel Zepecki	Seaford	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Joseph "Butch" Zito	Wilmington	Folk Art: Music
<b>Emerging Professional (\$3,000 award)</b>		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Artistic Discipline</i>
Zachary Adams	Dover	Visual Arts: Sculpture
Thomas Del Porte	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Painting
Maribeth Fischer	Lewes	Literature: Creative Nonfiction
Dennis Lawson	Newark	Literature: Fiction

Guy Miller, Jr.	New Castle	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Jane Miller	Wilmington	Literature: Poetry
Matthew Smith	Wilmington	Music: Solo Recital
Leon Syfrit	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Photography
Michele Xiques	Milford	Dance: Choreography
<b>Honorable Mentions</b>		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Artistic Discipline</i>
Kevin Bielicki	Newark	Visual Arts: Sculpture
Linda Celestian	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Painting
Wendy Ingersoll	Newark	Literature: Poetry
C. Robert Kelly	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Georgia Leonhart	Rehoboth Beach	Literature: Creative Nonfiction
Joshua Meier	Middletown	Visual Arts: Photography
Shannon Winward	Newark	Literature: Fiction
Dennis Young	New Castle	Visual Arts: Painting

The next deadline for Individual Artist Fellowship applications is August 1, 2014.

The Delaware Division of the Arts is an agency of the State of Delaware. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support artists and arts organizations, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. Funding for Division programs is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware State Legislature, and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.